

Arts in the Parks

Cagles Mill (Lieber State Recreation Area)

Property Profile

Website: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/2960.htm>

Key Messages/Stories:

- Cagles Mill Lake lies in Putnam and Owen counties in south central Indiana – approximately midway between Indianapolis and Terre Haute. Cagles Mill Lake was the first flood control lake project in the Louisville District selected for construction under the authority of the Flood Control Act of 1938. Construction began in July 1948 and was completed in June 1953. The lake is also known locally as Cataract Lake.
- Cultural History: The Miami, Shawnee, and Potawatomi were the dominant tribes that inhabited the region through the 18th century. The “Ten O’Clock Line” Treaty, signed in 1809 gave pioneers claim to the southern part of Indiana. This line crosses Lieber State Recreation Area and Lower Falls.
- Catataract Falls: Over a short course, Mill Creek drops over 80 feet. In addition to the cascades, Mill Creek makes two plunges. The upper falls has a sheer plunge of 20 feet and the lower falls about a ½ mile downstream has a fall of 18 feet. Cataract Falls is a unique double falls and the largest waterfall in Indiana in terms of total drop.

Top Five Things To Do:

- Electrical and non-electrical campsites are available year round.
- The Nature Center is open Memorial Weekend to Labor Day Weekend.
- Cataract Falls is a very scenic beauty located within the Wabash River Valley.
- A state of the art Aquatic Center, complete with a tornado water slide, is centrally located in the park.
- A 1,400 acre lake is a wonderful place for boating, water skiing, and fishing for bass, bluegill, catfish, crappie, hybrid strippers, and walleye. Cagles Mill beach is located at the waters’ edge.

General visitor profile: Campers, day-users, nature center visitors, spring and fall school groups, scout groups, church groups, volunteer service groups, bikers, dog walkers, and more.

Potential arts venues: Hilltop Shelter complete with electricity, modern restrooms, and a playground.

Visitation in FY2014: 301,079 visitors



Nearby Communities: Greencastle, Spencer, Brazil, Terre Haute, Monrovia, Mooresville, Plainfield, Indianapolis

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